

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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PATRICE JORDON ROBINSON,  
GREATER MEMPHIS DEMOCRATIC CLUB,  
LATANYA BARBER THOMAS, and  
JOHNSON SAULSBERRY, III,

Docket No. 19-cv-02653-JTF-tmp

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION,  
LINDA PHILLIPS in her official capacity as  
Administrator of the Shelby County Election  
Commission, STEVE STAMSON, ANTHONY  
TATE, MATT PRICE, BENNIE SMITH, and  
BRENT TAYLOR, in their Official Capacities as  
Members of the Board of Commissioners of the  
Shelby County Election Commission,

[FORMERLY Shelby County  
Chancery Court, Part III—Case  
No. CH-19-1365-3]

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS’ SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO  
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING ORDER**

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COMES NOW, the Shelby County Election Commission, Linda Phillips in her official capacity as Administrator of the Shelby County Election Commission, Steve Stamson, Anthony Tate, Matt Price, Bennie Smith, and Brent Taylor, in their Official Capacities as Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Shelby County Election Commission, (“Defendants” or “SCEC”), supplements their response in opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction as follows:

As stated in open court during the preliminary injunction hearing on September 30, 2019, Plaintiffs failed to serve or give notice to the State of Tennessee or the Coordinator of Elections of these proceedings. Therefore, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 65(a)(1), which states that “[t]he court may issue a preliminary injunction only on notice to the adverse party,” granting a preliminary injunction in this matter would be improper.

Furthermore, Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(1)(B) states that the court may issue a temporary restraining order without written or oral notice to the adverse party or its attorney only if “the movant’s attorney certifies in writing any efforts made to give notice and the reasons why it should not be required.” Plaintiff’s attorney has failed to certify in writing any efforts to give notice to the State of Tennessee, the Coordinator of Elections, or their attorneys, or the reasons why it such notice should not be required. Therefore, granting a temporary restraining order would likewise be improper.

Plaintiffs cannot be granted any injunctive relief due to failure to comply with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 65.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully move the Court for entry of an order Denying Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction and dismissing Plaintiff’s case.

Respectfully submitted,

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